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FM AMCONSUL HONG KONG

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C O N F I D E N T I A L HONG KONG 13519

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, CH, IR

SUBJECT: NEW PRC AMBASSADOR TO IRAN

1. HAO TEH-CHING (6787/1795/7230), NEW PRC AMBASSADOR TO IRAN, DEPARTED PEKING FOR TEHRAN ON DECEMBER 13 ACCORDING TO NCNA.

2. HAO HAS PREVIOUSLY SERVED AS AMBASSADOR TO HUNGARY (SEPTEMBER 1954-APRIL 1961), NORTH KOREA (JULY 1961-NOVEMBER 1965), NORWAY (FEBRUARY 1971-SEPTEMBER 1972), AND NETHERLANDS (OCTOBER 1972-OCTOBER 1974). IN LATE 1965 AND 1966, HE WAS DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE FOREIGN AFFAIRS STAFF OFFICE IN PEKING, REPORTEDLY DEALING WITH PROTOCOL MATTERS. IN BOTH BUDAPEST AND PYONGYANG, HAO SERVED FOR SOME PERIOD AS DEAN OF THE CORPS.

3. HAO WAS CRITICIZED EARLY IN THE CULTURAL REVOLUTION, SOME TIME PRIOR TO FEBRUARY 1967. HE SURVIVED THIS CRITICISM AND WAS OCCASIONALLY MENTIONED BY PRC MEDIA UNTIL AUGUST 1968 AS HAVING BEEN PRESENT AT VARIOUS CEREMONIES. WE HAVE NO RECORD OF HAO'S ACTIVITIES FROM AUGUST 1968 UNTIL HIS APPOINTMENT TO  
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NORWAY IN 1971.

4. WE HAVE NO INFORMATION ON HAO PRIOR TO 1950 WHEN HE WAS AN OFFICIAL IN SOUTHWESTERN SZECHUAN PROVINCE.

5. DURING HIS POSTING IN BUDAPEST, HAO WAS CONSIDERED UNDIPLOMATIC, BLUNT AND FREQUENTLY BORDERING ON RUDENESS. HE WAS CONSTANTLY SURROUNDED BY A RETINUE OF YOUNG INTERPRETERS.  
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